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TRANSCRIPTIONAL ACTIVITY OF STEROID RECEPTORS

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2003, the claims of Group III (Claims 8-10 and 16-34 drawn to methods of screening for a compound that will induce a non-genotropic effect) are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the elected and non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the elected or non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the first requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect the Vitamin D receptor as the species. Responsive to the second requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect the modulation of the second messenger as the species. Claims readable on the elected species are 8-10 and 16, 19, 23-27, 29 and 33-35.

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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